

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/002,355

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/28/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 9-17, 19-21 and 23-28 (now formally renumbered as claims 1-25).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>20050915</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Claim 9 contained an amendment, but was listed as Previously Presented instead of Currently Amended. Mr. Nelson agrees with the Examiner's Amendement to correct this informality. Claim 9 was amended to be dependent upon claim 1. Claim 9 is now allowable based upon its amended dependence upon allowed claim 1..

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

5 submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert W. Nelson on September 15, 2005 at 3:35pm EST.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 9 is amended to be dependent upon claim 1.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Amendment

The Amendment filed July 28, 2005 has been received and made of record. In
15 response to the Final Office Action, claim 8 has been cancelled and claims 1, 19, and
20 have been amended by the Applicant.

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on July 28, 2005 disclaiming the terminal portion of
20 any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of
US Patent No. 6,865,293 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer
has been recorded.

In response to Applicant's amended claims 19 and 20, the issues regarding dependency upon an apparatus claim have been corrected. Therefore, this objection to both claim 19 and 20 has been withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

Additionally, based upon their dependency to allowed claim 1, the 103(a) rejections to claims 2, 4-7, and 10-11 have been withdrawn.

Claims 1-7, 10-11, 15-16, and 25-26 are allowed.

Regarding claim 1, the prior art is not found to teach or fairly suggest, in combination with the existing elements of the present claim as currently amended, a confirmation of the actual frequency of the artificial illuminant by comparing the re-

20 measured light for a reduction in the variability of the light intensity.

Regarding claims 2, 4-7, and 10-11, in response to Applicant's amended claim 1, claims 2, 4-7, and 10-11 are also now allowable, as they are either directly or indirectly dependent upon an allowed claim.

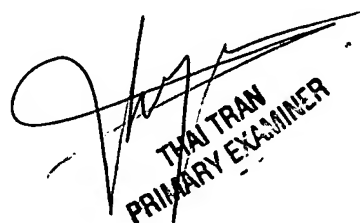
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later
5 than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact

10 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary C. Vieaux whose telephone number is 571-272-7318. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Q. Tran can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for
15 the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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